

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
Russian River District  
25381 Steelhead Blvd, P.O. Box 123  
Duncans Mills, CA 95430

**PROJECT TITLE:** Grove Trail Rehabilitation and ADA Retrofit

**LOCATION:** Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve **COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Upgrade existing trail alignments and features, re-route trails to eliminate existing trail barriers and restore problematic erosion areas at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve to comply with the with current ADA Outdoor Recreational Guidelines, improve redwood forest conditions, and improve the quality of public experience. Work will perform minor grading and place approximately 4400 linear feet (LF) of aggregate base rock surfacing on existing trail alignment; remove existing and reroute new trail approximately 2000 LF; remove two existing bridges (20 LF and 26 LF); construct/reconstruct 6 wood retaining walls (max. 3 ft. high); construct 100 ft of log turnpike; construct one, 12 ft puncheon, 3 benches; replace approximately 12, single post (4" x 4" x 18" deep) information signs (12" x 12") at various locations along the trails; and replace one existing wood bridge with new wood bridge (34 LF) including 18" excavation for new wooden abutments. Additional work at trailheads at the park entrance, Armstrong Tree, and the picnic area will modify parking, install new benches (3) and interpretive signs, and reconfigure split rail barriers.

All bridge work will occur during the dry season; removed trails will be restored to natural conditions; all trail construction and rehabilitation activities will be limited to the trail prism of existing and proposed alignments; and material storage/staging areas will be limited to existing road, trail, and parking areas.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Russian River District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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Class: 1, 3, 4

Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of repair and maintenance of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as trail or road repairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of small structures and the minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees,

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